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SUBJECT Visit to Pacific MIRS.

TO Director of Intelligence

FROM Military Branch

DATE 8 Dec 44 COMMENT NO. 1

NAME & TEL. JRL-72189

1. The undersigned visited Pacific MIRS over night December 7-8 accompanied by Cmdr. Hamon, Chief of TAIC. Purpose of the trip was to check progress of Pacific MIRS and coordinate activities with TAIC.

2. The five (5) WACs from Fort Snelling have arrived and have taken hold in fine shape. Six (6) typists have been obtained from Camp Ritchie and are on the job. The morale of the entire organization is tops.

3. About 2500 blue prints of Jack 11, a new Jap fighter, which we have not yet obtained, were available and from the blue prints it was learned that armor plate is used for the protection of pilots on at least two of the models. It was also learned that type 3 of the aircraft carries two 20 mm cannon instead of one in each of the wings. The combat personnel in the field have been told that the plate carries no armor and only one 20 mm gun in each wing. The difference is plenty great in combat.

4. The close coordination between TAIC activities and document research was thoroughly explored and stressed. One of the Naval officers, Lt. (sg) Harrs, is from TAIC and will act as liaison from MIRS to that agency. The need for direct communication between TAIC and MIRS is urgent, mainly, for the purpose of checking material and determining priorities of translation research. The undersigned has asked Colonel Fahnestock to arrange for the transmission of messages from MIRS to TAIC with the minimum loss of transmission time.

5. General Banfill has far exceeded his promises in expediting the construction work. The top floor is completely finished and looks like a million dollars. A large crew of 8 or 10 men are now working in the basement and it is estimated that at the present rate the construction work there will be finished in a week or 10 days. This will allow ample time to get the entire document assembly line in proper position and operation before convening the document conference on 28 December. Gronich informed me that he had received word from G-2, Western Defense Command, that 5 tons of documents from SWPA are now enroute across the country.

6. Commander Hamon was very much impressed by his visit. He is now making arrangements to send models of Jap aviation equipment to MIRS to assist in acquainting the air section with technical terminology and also to develop interest in the work. He is also making arrangements to transmit to Pacific MIRS some air technical documents which he has been holding and said that he would consult Colonel Burgess, A-2, to determine whether he can send three (3) Nisei to MIRS on TD to assist with translation (these Nisei are awaiting field assignments and since they are on TD, they will not be counted against any of our T/O allotments).

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7. All in all, I was very much pleased with the results of the visit. I am sure that the organization made a fine impression on Cmdr. Hamon, and the only suggestion that I have is for all ~~General officers~~ to stay away from the place until they are shaken down.

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J. R. Lovell
J. R. LOVELL,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief, Military Branch.

Noted with interest.

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